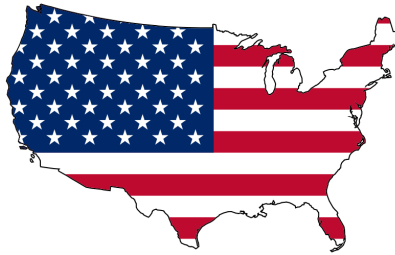


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## Presents Newsletter *C O L L A G E*



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#### **1. [Obama Adapts New Foreign Policy During First Year in White House](#)**

President Obama in his first year in office tackled an impressive array of foreign policy challenges, adapting a response of inclusion, cooperation and what diplomats call multilateralism, say foreign affairs specialists. ...

#### **2. [US to Review Security Procedures After Detroit Airline Incident](#)**

The Obama administration is reviewing U.S. terror monitoring procedures after a Nigerian man attempted to blow up an airliner as it approached Detroit. Administration officials say the suspect's name had been entered into a U.S. security database, but had not been added to a "no-fly" list. ...

#### **3. [Library of Congress Puts Thousands of Historic Books Online](#)**

Nearly 60,000 books prized by historians, writers and genealogists, many too old and fragile to be safely handled, have been digitally scanned as part of the first mass book digitization project of the U.S. Library of Congress. The materials are free on the LOC and Internet Archive Web sites. ...

#### **4. [Special Ceremony Welcomes Newest US Citizens](#)**

Some 36 men and women from a total of 24 nations are sworn in as new citizens of the United States in a special ceremony at Washington's National Archives Building. The special ceremony in front of keystone documents of the United States marks Bill of Rights Day, December 15. ...

#### **5. [US Says International Adoption Important for Children in Need](#)**

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption both recognize the right of a child to live in a loving home, and in that context the United States sees intercountry adoption as an important option for children in need. ...

#### **6. [Adaptation and the Copenhagen Accord](#)**

The Copenhagen Accord did not detail exactly how developed and developing nations will keep the global average temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius, but it did specify a financial commitment to help developing nations mitigate and adapt to a changing climate. ...

**In case you missed it:**

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*SOS resident receives gift from Santa. (LP)*

## **The Marine Security Guard from the US Embassy Brings Christmas Cheer to SOS Children's Home**

December 24, 2009

In an effort organized by the Marines stationed at the US Embassy, Santa came to visit the children at the SOS Children's home and to hand out gifts donated by the local and US staff of the mission. This is the sixth year the Marines have organized an event like this in Macedonia and Ambassador Reeker joined in the fun. Marines throughout the world conduct similar campaigns as a part of Toys for Tots, a charity focused on giving underprivileged children gifts around the holiday season.

- ◆ **View local news coverage of the fun;** [VEST](#) | [Koha](#).
- ◆ **To learn more about how this all started, please** [click here](#).



*Culture Attaché John Surface with Miri (the dog -right) and Tili (left) on the ALSAT TV's morning program. (LP)*

## **Joining Miri to Discuss Life in the US and a Free Film Festival**

December 17, 2009

In a warm atmosphere in AlsatM TV, Miri and Tili welcomed Culture and Education Attaché John Surface to talk about the similarities and differences in the life in USA and Macedonia, as well as John's impressions of Macedonia and his childhood memories from the USA. This was a perfect opportunity for John to practice his Albanian and for Miri to practice his English. Children who watched the show were informed about the matinée children's film series called Novo Kino Utro sponsored by the US Embassy Skopje and happening on Saturdays at the Cinematheque of Macedonia.

- ◆ **To see a short video excerpt of the show (WMV/size 5.4MB), please** [click here](#).

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